

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

OMB Approved
No. 1024-0009

REVIEW SHEET

(42-46 Baltimore St.) AL-IV-A-033
(38-40 Baltimore St.) AL-IV-A-034

Historic Preservation Certification Application—Significance

Property: 38-46 BALTIMORE STREET, CUMBERLAND, MD Project No.:

Historic District: POWNTOWN CUMBERLAND HISTORIC DISTRICT

2-2-88 date initial application received by State date(s) additional information requested by State

4-12-88 date complete information received by State

 date of this transmittal to NPS

Inspection of property by State staff? ☒ no ☐ yes date(s):

☒ There is adequate documentation enclosed to evaluate the historic character and integrity of this property.

☐ There is insufficient documentation to evaluate the property adequately. The application is missing the following items:

Reasonable efforts have been made to obtain this information. Copies of the information requests are enclosed.

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This property involves:

☐ Extensive loss of historic fabric

☒ Substantial alterations over time (INTERIOR)

☐ Preliminary determination of listing

 for district

 for individual property

☐ Significance less than 50 years old

☐ Obscured or covered elevation(s)

☐ Moved property

☐ State recommendation inconsistent with NR documentation

☐ Recommendation different from the applicant's request

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Complete item(s) below as appropriate.

(1) The documentation on file with the National Register cites the period(s) of significance of this historic district as

(2) The property ☒ contributes does not contribute to the historic significance of this registered historic district in:

☒ location ☒ design ☒ setting ☒ materials ☒ workmanship ☒ feeling association

☒ Property is mentioned in the NR or State or local district documentation in Section 7, page 5.

(3) For properties less than 50 years old:

☐ the historical merits of the district (the periods and areas of significance) are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this property's contribution.

☐ the exceptional historical or architectural significance of this property as described in the National Register form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing.

☐ there is insufficient justification to consider this property as contributing to the district for its individual exceptional architectural or historical significance or the significance of the district does not extend to the last 50 years.

(4) For preliminary determinations:

A. The status of the nomination for the property/historic district:

☐ Nomination has already been submitted to State review board, and nomination will be forwarded to the NPS within months. (Draft nomination is enclosed.)

☐ Nomination was submitted to the NPS on

☐ Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within twelve months.

☐ Nomination process likely will be completed within thirty months.

☐ Other, explain:

B. Evaluation of the property:

☐ Property is individually eligible and meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation

☐ Property is located within a potential registered district that meets National Register

Criteria for Evaluation: A B C D

Criteria Considerations: A B C D E F G

(5) The property is located in a registered district, is outside the period(s) or area(s) of significance as documented in the NR form and:
☐ appears to contribute to the expanded significance of the district. Enclosed is the revised nomination documentation.
☐ does not appear to contribute to the period(s) or area(s) of significance of the district.

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Describe and evaluate the physical characteristics of the property, its integrity, and its significance within the context of the historic district (or individually for preliminary determinations of individual listings).

THESE TWO BUILDINGS WERE BUILT 1880-90 AND ARE CHARACTERISTIC OF THE ROMANESQUE STYLE. BOTH STRUCTURES HAVE PRESSED METAL FACADES AND ALTERED STOREFRONTS. OTHER ALTERATIONS INCLUDE THE BLOCKING-IN OF WINDOWS AT 42-46 BALTIMORE STREET AND THE REMOVAL OF WINDOW SASH AT 38-40 BALTIMORE STREET.

INTERIOR ALTERATIONS HAVE CONSISTED OF THE COMBINING OF THESE STRUCTURES THROUGH THE PARTY WALLS AT EACH FLOOR WHEN THE COMMERCIAL USE WAS EXPANDED. THE STRUCTURES RETAIN SOME INTERIOR FEATURES RELATED TO COMMERCIAL USE INCLUDING THE RATHER LARGE STAIRCASE IN 42-46.

WE FEEL THAT 38-46 BALTIMORE STREET IS SIGNIFICANT TO THE DISTRICT THROUGH ITS DECORATIVE DETAILING (ORNATE PRESSED METAL FACADE), FORM, SCALE, FENESTRATION AND PLACEMENT IN THE STREETScape.

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State Official Recommendation:

This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by MICHAEL DAY
a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.

- ☒ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- ☐ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- ☐ The property does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- ☐ The property appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
- ☐ The property does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
- ☐ The property appears to contribute to the significance of a:
- ☐ potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
- ☐ registered historic district but is outside the period(s) or areas of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Revised nomination or district documentation is enclosed.
- ☐ The property should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
- ☐ Insufficient documentation has been provided to evaluate the structure.

☐ Detailed NPS review recommended ☐ Precedent-setting case ☐ Forwarded without recommendation

Date

5-20-88

State Official Signature

☐ See attachments:

NPS Comments:

Date

NPS Reviewer

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
PART 1 - EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Project Number:
MARYLAND HISTORICAL
TRUST

AL-IV-A-034

Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: BGS&G Headquarters - Cumberland
Address of property: #38-46 Baltimore Street
City: Cumberland County: Allegany State: MD Zip Code: 21502
Name of historic district: Downtown Cumberland Historic District

☒ National Register district ☐ certified state or local district ☐ potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- ☒ certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.
☐ certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
☐ preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.
☐ preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.
☐ preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Authorized project contact:

Name: R. Emmett Robertson, III & Managing Director
Title: Historic Development Exec.
Street: Equity Development Group Suite-5B, #11 E. Chase Street City: Baltimore
State: MD Zip: 21202 Telephone Number (during day): (301) 576 - 8800

4. Owner: The BGS&G Companies
Name: The Hon. J. Glenn Beall, Jr., Chairman
Street: Queen City Triangle City: Cumberland
State: MD Zip: 21502 Telephone Number (during day): (301) 722-2500

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the above-named property.

Owner's Signature: [Signature] Date: 2/1/88
Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number: 52-080-7416

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application - Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
☐ does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- ☐ appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
☐ does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
☐ does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office

Property Name

#38-46 Baltimore Street

Property Address

57-080-7416

or Name/Social Security or Taxpayer ID Number

Project Number:

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5. Description of physical appearance:

NOTE: These addresses represent what is now one building, joined internally through its party wall; both constituent parts have been used as a single building for the past 30-40 years; are to be used as one structure in the intended post-rehabilitation use; and are now titled and deeded as a single property. They are, therefore, submitted as a single application consisting of a single property, but described as two facades (wherein lies the only stylistic distinction between the two original structures, the interiors being essentially identical as to detailing and structural characteristics).

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Date of Construction: 19TH CENTURY,
4TH QUARTER Source of Date: CUMBERLAND CITY RECORDS

Date(s) of Alteration(s): 1940-60's

Has building been moved? ☐ yes ☒ no. If so, when?

6. Statement of significance:

The Cumberland Downtown Historic District is an urban retail and office mall in the heart of Cumberland that acquires its significance from the collection of nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings, and an array of typical commercial uses of that period. The District's buildings range from modest to elaborate in size and exhibit varying degrees of craftsmanship as well as a record of changes in construction techniques. Within this District nearly every structure is historic, mostly in good repair and none irreversibly altered.

SUBJECT BUILDINGS:

The accompanying National Register nomination map (Map-A) has been annotated by the developer to show #38 as (1) and #46 as (2) respectively; this map identifies both buildings as "contributing to the District" (code "B" on Map-A, pages 1 and 2), and the accompanying excerpt from the nomination narrative specifically discusses the significance of #46.

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Photographs and maps.

PHOTOS: EXTERIOR (A); INTERIOR (B); ENVIRONMENT (C).

Attach photographs and maps to application. MAPS: NATIONAL REGISTER (A) OF SITE; (B) + (C) ADDITIONAL REGISTER BUILDINGS ADJACENT.

The larger of the two is numbered #42-46 Baltimore Street (hereafter known as #46) and is to the right (or east) in frontal photography. The smaller is # 38-40 Baltimore Street. is to the left (west) in frontal photos and is known herein as #38.

END OF NOTE-----

The subject buildings embody the distinctive design characteristics of the major architectural styles popular in the United States during the 3rd & 4th quarters of the 19th Century, and can be most specifically classified as typical of the Romanesque style, with their round and segmented arched window systems, rusticated stone and brick facades and heavy detailing. #46 is distinguished by its two-story fenestration, piers with stone capitals in a leaf motif, medallions with sculpted satyr's heads and a heavy cornice with cylindrical pendants and sawtooth rustication. #38 has more delicate scale and treatment, with a decorated architrave beneath its dentilled cornice, native rough-finish stone facade, finely detailed piers and reveals and carefully finished window lintelling and arching.

Both of these late 19th-Century commercial buildings are of finely detailed three-story masonry, post-and-lintel construction, and in many respects convey a "big-brother little-sister" image as the stand-alone survivors of late sixties demolition-oriented urban removal at the end of this half city block. Both were significant in their detailing and singular in their identities when built, and although now connected inside and used as a single structure for several decades, they retain distinct exterior personalities.

#46 is remarkable for the originally extensive glass exposure on its long south street facade consisting of three two-story window breasts with intervening pediment. The curvilinear framing and filleting originally constituting the fenestration system appears to remain intact behind later plywood infill painted brown to match remaining facade materials. Otherwise a storefront at street level has been modernized with aluminum flashing covering and preserving the original detailing.

This modern storefront continues west to include #38 at street level (and to contain some of the original storefront structure), but the upper two stories are fenestrated by a set of four double-hung 1-over-1 sashes, the second-story windows with flat lintels and the third with arched lintels

and columnated reveals.

The rear walls of both buildings are now treated as one, with similar fenestration at different levels. #38 has 3 normally separated stories of 2 + 3 hung windows, while #46 has 5 levels of identical fenestration but reflecting the mezzanine effect of stairwell landings. All fenestration has segmented arched lintels and projecting brick or stone sills.

All side (east) & rear (north) sashes have apparently been removed, and the reveals framed & boarded.

The east (footway) freestanding wall of #46 is joined to the rear wall by short truncating wall containing a doorway at street level, two segmentally arched windows at mezzanine and 2nd stories, and a full arched window on the 3rd floor level.

This east wall is fenestrated by pairs of segmentally arched single-rise windows similar to those on the rear wall, again with the sashes removed and the reveals boarded.

Both buildings have flat roofs, but #46 shows an elevator machinery housing for the 1900 Otis cable passenger and freight lift still in intensive use by the furniture store presently occupying both buildings.

Interior:

The interior is not unusual for a late-19th Century haberdashery or department store occupant. It was and is fundamentally open-bay space with span support provided (in the case of #46, the wider structure) by timber post-and-beam construction, with vertical members boxed in undecorated enclosures to provide chases for early illumination wiring. Thus detailing is held to such a minimum as to be virtually non-existent other than that provided by the (now temporarily blocked) frontal fenestration and excepting whatever chattel furnishings each differing occupant chose to install to support its own trade. The sole exception to this lack of detailing is the presence of ornate tin ceilings (now concealed by drop ceilings shortly to be removed) in both buildings which are embellished by numerous patterns, cove mouldings and capital decorations.

Vertical access in #46 is via a large circular staircase located on the rear wall and broken at landings between each floor, and an original Otis passenger lift still used today. In #38, it is by a little-used stairway ascending the party wall.

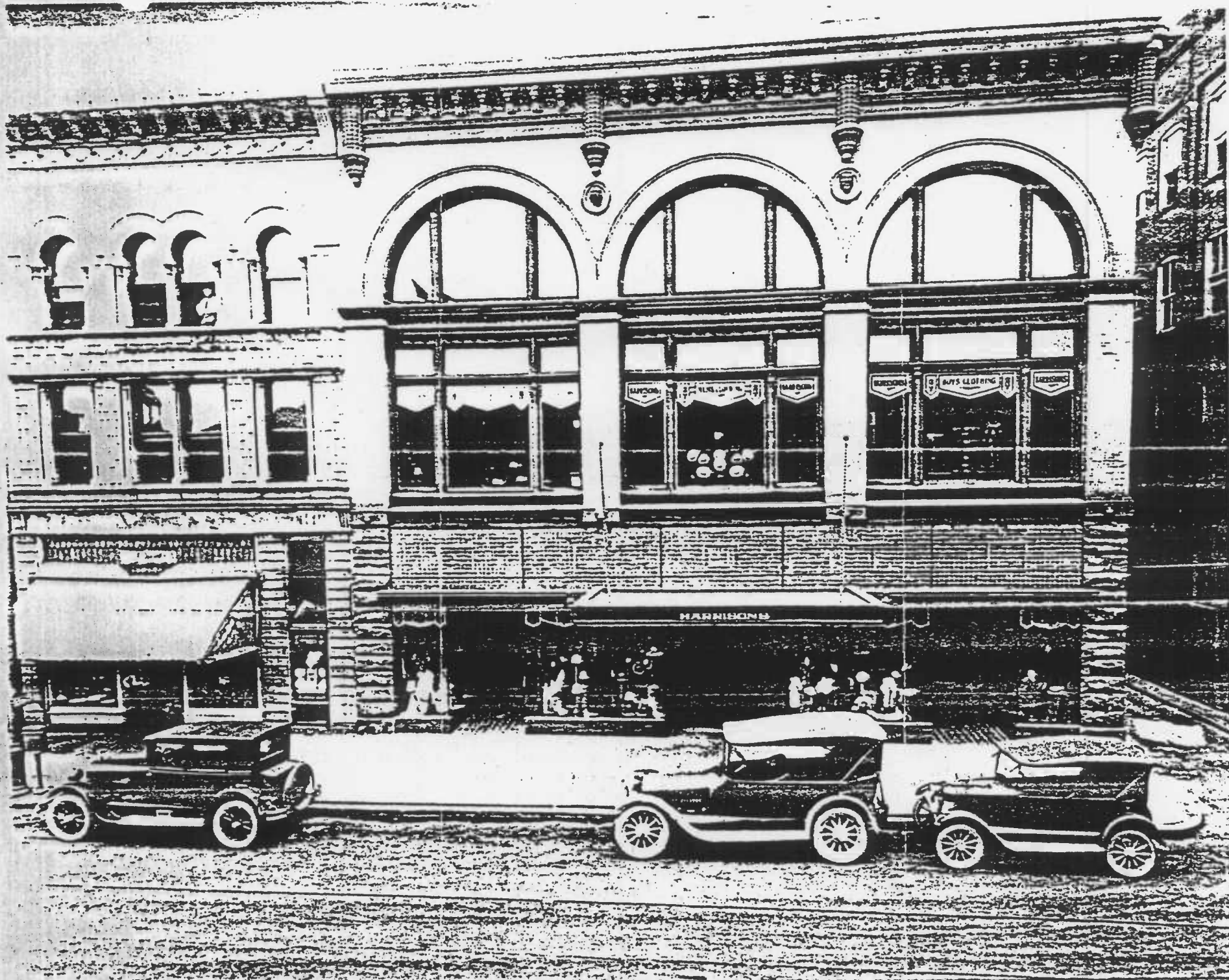
...continuation of (6) "Statement of Significance" ...

Both buildings had distinct identities as haberdasheries of note until their amalgamation into one building in the 1940's.

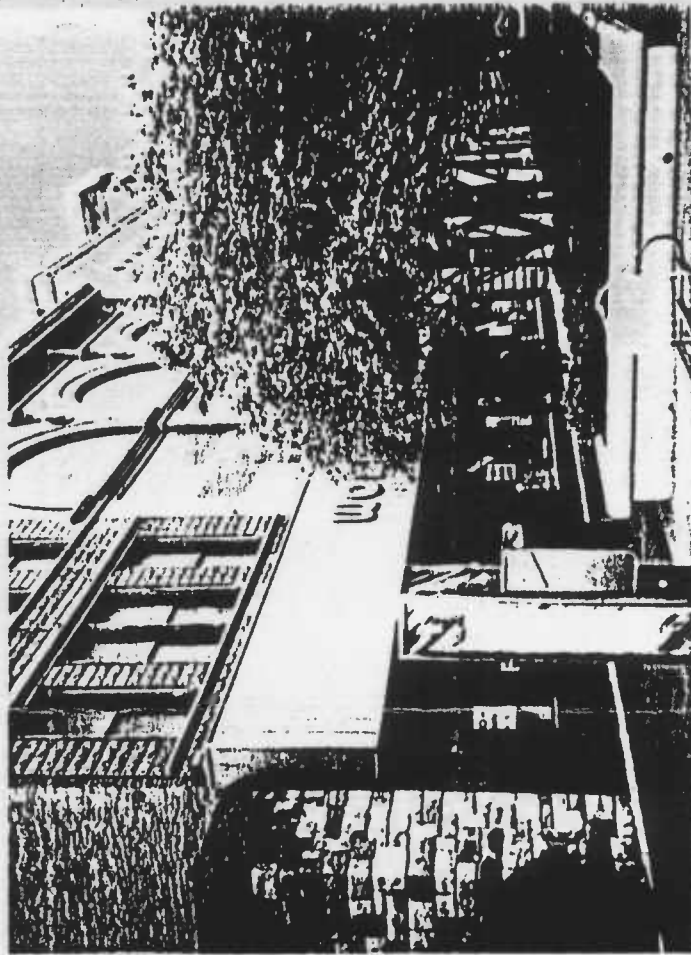
The subject building views from its rear perspective two National Register buildings which are one block distant: The Cumberland City Hall and the Bell Tower. It is also adjacent to The Fort Cumberland Hotel, a National Register property and anchors the opposite end of a block containing the Register-listed Liberty Trust Building (see Map-B).

It also has a view of the National Register Western Maryland Railway Station (see Map-C).

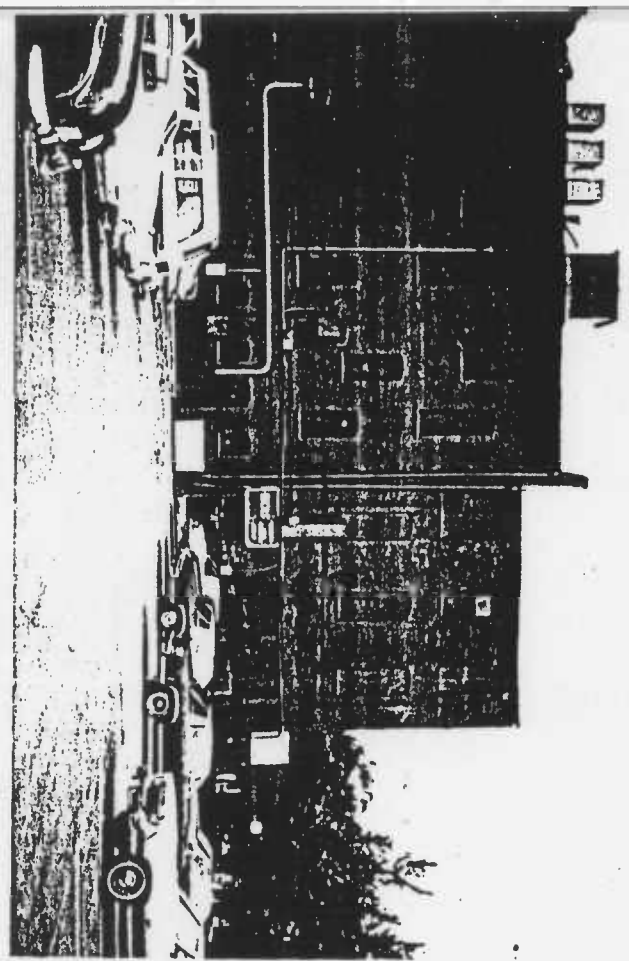
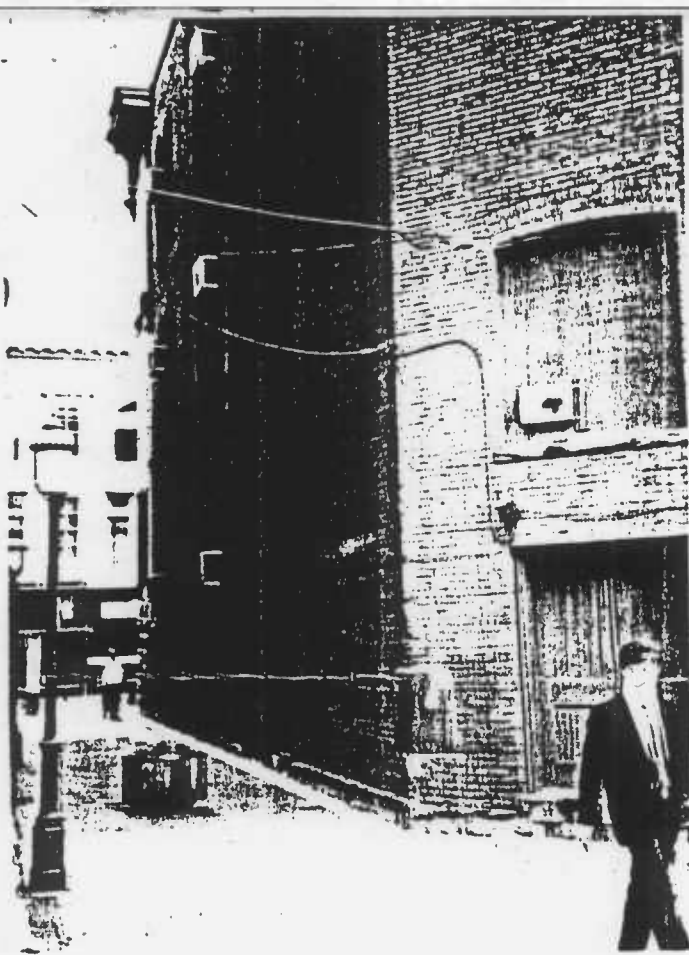
The proposed use is as a headquarters office complex for a regional financial services concern.



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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: metal front building				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 38 Baltimore Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Allegany		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment				
<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum				
<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Orville E. Shirey				
STREET AND NUMBER: 9111 Crosby Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Allegany County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 30 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The building at 38 Baltimore Street stands on the northerly side of the street in the block formed by Mechanic and Liberty Streets, the second block east of Wills Creek, in Cumberland, Allegany County.</p> <p>The building is a three story masonry structure with a shed roof, brick side walls, and an applied pressed metal facade above the modern shop front. The building sets flush with the street in row fashion. The metal facade is in imitation of rusticated stone blocks in the Romanesque mode with a bracketed cornice with floral swags. Each of the upper levels has four windows, all double-hung wooden sashes with one-over-one lights, of which the center two are grouped together. The windows of the third floor have round tops. The second and third floor windows are flanked by plain columns with leafy capitals. Decorated belt courses across the facade run along the tops and bottoms of the fenestration arrangements. The ground level facade has dark color tile with a perma-brick base.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) late 19th**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> lasaphy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The metal front building at 38 Baltimore Street, now occupied by Wolf Furniture, is representative of commercial architecture of the late nineteenth century. The Romanesque style facade is in harmony with the numerous other buildings of the same style that dominate Baltimore Street, the main business street in Cumberland. A particularly interesting feature is the metal facade which has a pressed design in imitation stone, a contrast with the brick and stone Romanesque facade of the neighboring building (AL-IV-033) to the east.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, Maryland.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

The property measures approximately 28' x 79'.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey		DATE 9/30/74
ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.		
STREET AND NUMBER: Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510		
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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FLIP
MAP



420 000 FEET
(W. VA.)

4391

4390000m N.

SPRING GAP 6.5 MI.
OLDTOWN 14 MI.

110 000 FEET
(PA.)

39°37'30"
78°45'

PARK 1.2 MI.
V. VA. 17 MI.

47°30"

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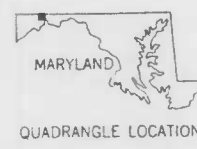
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SHORT GAP 6.2 MI.
FORT ASHBY 11 MI.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	—————	Light-duty	—————
Medium-duty	—————	Unimproved dirt	-----
U. S. Route		State Route	

1 MILE
000 7000 FEET
1 KILOMETER



CUMBERLAND, MD.-PA.-W.VA.

NE/4 FROSTBURG 15' QUADRANGLE
N3937.5—W7845/7.5

1949

AMS 5263 III NE—SERIES V833

ARDS
J. C. 20242
LE ON REQUEST
VERPRINT

metal front building
38 Baltimore Street
Cumberland, Allegany Co., Md

WOLF
FURNITURE

Wolf Furniture Co.

38

FREE

SALE

72
SALE

FREE

38



metal front building
38 Baltimore Street
Cumberland, Allegany Co, MD

SW view

September, 1974

RONALD L. ANDREWS